

**House File 354 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act requiring the verification of lawful immigration status  
2 to receive funds through the federal low-income home energy  
3 assistance program.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 216A.102A Immigration status  
2 verification for low-income home energy assistance program.

3 1. The department of human rights shall participate in  
4 the systematic alien verification for entitlements program  
5 established by United States citizenship and immigration  
6 services in order to verify the eligibility of each person  
7 seeking funds pursuant to the federal low-income home energy  
8 assistance program.

9 2. Unless otherwise required by federal law, funds from the  
10 federal low-income home energy assistance program shall not  
11 be awarded to a household unless at least one member of the  
12 household is a United States citizen or lawfully present in the  
13 United States.

14 EXPLANATION

15 This bill directs the department of human rights to  
16 participate in the systematic alien verification for  
17 entitlements (SAVE) program established by United States  
18 citizenship and immigration services in order to verify the  
19 eligibility of each person seeking funds through the federal  
20 low-income home energy assistance program. The bill prohibits  
21 the department from awarding funds from the program to a  
22 household unless at least one member of the household is a  
23 United States citizen or lawfully present in the United States,  
24 unless otherwise required by federal law.